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Disco steals spotlight

Ludwig, Landau's 'Fever' wins K-State's reality-show spinoff

Austin Enns
coverage editor

Dancers juked, jived, twirled and flipped on Thursday night to songs ranging from "Hey Jude" and "Uptown Girl," to "Higher" and "Go Hard or Go Home."

The third annual Dancing with the K-State Stars featured eight people voted as student celebrities in a student poll. Student body president Danny Unruh, volleyball player Kathleen Ludwig, baton twirler Jessica Tracz, Collegian writer Beth Mendenhall, football player Andre McDonald, radio personality Luke Wempe, Associate Dean of Student Life Heather Reed and Willie the Wildcat all participated in dances ranging from hip-hop and Broadway, to west coast swing and disco.

Kyle Landau, senior in marketing, finance, accounting and economics and one of the choreographers for the competition, said he was asked to help with the program because of his former involvement in K-State singers and he was glad to get the chance.

"Honestly I get to dance again, I get to sing with Cadence but I miss the

"It was very fun to watch, there was a good variety of different dances. The disco, that was something you wouldn't usually see every day."

Alicia Shankle
Senior in marketing

dancing, and it's always cool to take somebody who doesn't feel comfortable doing something at first, and get them to show off in front of a couple hundred people," Landau said.

Landau said his previous partner backed out so he was now dancing the disco with Ludwig to "Disco Inferno."

The disco song got some of the loudest applause of the night, specifically when the couple did the moonwalk across the stage.

Alicia Shankle, senior in marketing, said she enjoyed getting to see the different styles of dance.

"I thought it was awesome," Shankle said. "It was very fun to watch, there was a good variety of different dances. The disco, that was something you wouldn't usually see every day."

Ludwig and Landau were the eventual winners of the competition.

Despite the wide variety of dances, two groups did a hip hop performance, and two groups did a Broadway-style performance.

Even though there were four judges, two of the judges shared a vote, so competitors could get a maximum of 30 points. Students could impact the decision by texting a number set up for their favorite team.

Luke Wempe, senior in mass communications, said he was glad he was



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Sophomore volleyball player **Kathleen Ludwig** tosses her partner, **Kyle Landau**, senior in marketing, accounting and finance, during their performance at Dancing with the K-State Stars on Thursday night in McCain Auditorium. Ludwig and Landau placed first in this year's competition.

able to take part in Dancing with the K-State Stars because it was a change from his normal existence.

"Actually doing choreography was fun," Wempe said. "There's a difference between going out there and knowing what you are doing."

Even though he did not place in the top three, Wempe was the champion of the fan vote.

K-State Salina to revive SafeRide

Committee, student body president candidates work to find cheaper alternatives, end abuse of program

Karen Ingram
opinion editor

The SafeRide program has undergone many recent changes in Manhattan, but for K-State students in Salina, it has been absent for two years.

Levi Esses, assistant director of college advancement for student life at K-State Salina, said the program ended after the 2008-09 school year because of issues with the budget, due in part because of abuse of the program. Esses said former students with K-State student ID cards would use SafeRide, which would then be charged to the SGA.

"The money spent was over budget of what SGA could handle," Esses said. Nearly a third of K-State Salina's SGA budget went to the SafeRide program in its final year, Esses said. In spite of the difficulties, the program has been in high demand and a committee has been assigned to try and revamp SafeRide.

"Obviously, safety is our main concern," Esses said.

Morgan Miles, junior in business administration and chair of the committee assigned to find possible ways of reviving SafeRide, said they need to plan ahead for next year to fund it properly.

Miles, who is running for K-State Salina student body president, plans to change the program from relying on taxi companies to a self-contained program using student drivers and a private van. Drivers would work two nights a week — Fridays and Saturdays — from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. and take students home only, not to get food or to go to another bar or a party. To prevent non-students from abusing the program, the last 4 digits of their student ID number will be checked against a database to ensure they are currently enrolled. The proposed program will also save money by only running during school and not on holidays, such as spring break.

"I think it only makes sense," Miles said.

John Seim, SGA treasurer and senior in aviation maintenance and professional pilot, said the SafeRide program cost \$13,226 the last year it was in operation. The proposed new program is projected to cost almost half of that amount: \$7,127 per year. This cost would include gas,

'Dr. Flea' receives Veterinarian of the Year award

K-State professor chosen for helping design flea and tick control methods

Sam Diederich
news editor

Call him Dr. Flea, and Michael Dryden, professor of diagnostic medicine and pathology, will shrug and laugh.

"Vet students started calling me that here a number of years ago because of all the work I've done with fleas and ticks," Dryden said.

A more appropriate name would probably be "Dr. Flea-Free."

Dryden was selected by Ceva Animal Health as the 2010 Veterinarian of the Year for his work in flea and tick control.

"I was very honored to receive the recognition from the group," Dryden said. "I feel extremely fortunate. I've been very fortunate to work here at K-State."

Dryden and other K-State researchers have been conducting a multi-year study

of the biology of fleas and ticks. With the information they gathered, Dryden and researchers could help pharmaceutical companies design better flea and tick control methods.

"The pharmaceutical industry has the resources to develop flea and tick products," Dryden said. "I always felt my job working with them is trying to help them do a better job so that we end up with a safer product for dogs and other animals."

To better inform the pharmaceutical industry, Dryden conducted research in his K-State laboratory, but he also frequently flew to Tampa, Fla., to perform research in a real-world environment.

"It's a major problem in the southern part of the country due to the humidity," said M.M. Chengappa, head of the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology and university distinguished professor of microbiology. "He goes to Tampa quite frequently to conduct these studies."

Dryden said working in a "real life situation" allows him



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Michael Dryden, professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, was chosen as Veterinarian of the Year for his work in flea and tick control.

to expand his research beyond what can be discovered in a sterile lab.

"We are trying to find new and better ways to evaluate these products. Probably the greatest thing we ever did was take these products into

a private practice veterinarian in Wichita, but decided to focus on fighting fleas after a bad "flea season" in the summer of 1985.

"After that summer, I had the opportunity to go to Purdue University and I got a masters in flea biology. I'm the first doctor that I know of to get a doctorate in flea biology," Dryden said. "We really knew very little of flea behavior, and what we thought we knew was actually incorrect."

Along with a group of researchers, Dryden studied the biology of fleas in a way that had never been done before.

"We started basically rewriting the understanding of flea control," Dryden said. "We had to learn some very basic stuff; where they produce, how many eggs they produce, how much blood they actually consumed."

"Eventually we understood that all reproductive efforts occur on the host animal," Dryden said. "Once we learned that, it totally changed the way

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Logan's Run

By Erin Logan



Privilege fee expected to increase 3 percent

SGA approves funding for trip, speaker

Austin Enns
coverage editor

Despite the snow, the Student Senate held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday. Tanner Banion, senator, questioned whether there were enough students to hold a meeting, but he was duly informed that enough people arrived to meet quorum.

Matthew James, chair of the privilege fee committee, said his committee considered some unusual requests during committee meetings.

"This week we had a couple historic situations," James said. "Student Publications asked for an out of cycle 10 percent increase in funding."

James also said the student privilege fee was expected to go up 3 percent this year.

Natalie Rauth, chair of the committee for campus outreach, announced that more students are running for Student Senate positions this year. Some of the notable increases include over 40 people running for the College of Arts and Sciences' 18 spots, 11 more than last year, and in the College of Architecture, 21 people filed for 2 spots, as opposed to last year when 3 people filed.

Tyler Sharp, chair of the operations committee, offered a suggestion for combining the campus outreach and public relations committees, and said his committee would be discussing the issue this week.

The Student-Centered Tuition Enhancement Committee

passed on their recommendation to fund Healthy Decisions with priority funding. They did not spend the committee's entire budget of \$1,000,000 dollars this year, instead spending about \$800,000 for 29 priority groups.

Final votes were also taken on two allocation issues, one bringing a speaker to campus, and the other sending twelve students from the Association of Residence Halls to El Salvador for a service project.

"They're going to El Salva-

dor to teach them to speak English," Senator Ashton Archer said. "I think it's kind of demeaning and westernizing."

Despite Archer's protests, the group approved funding for the trip as well as the bill to bring Dr. Peter Boonschaft to campus to speak to Tau Beta Sigma, an honorary band sorority. The expenditures totaled \$3,200.

The Senate also voted to send four allocation bills for the Peters Recreation Complex back to committee.

One of the bills was for non-

structural repairs to the Rec, and it was valued at \$10,500 a year. It would be used to fund equipment repairs. Another would increase the 23 intramural sports teams' funding at a rate of \$1,000 a year indefinitely. Currently their total budget is set at \$54,000. A third would increase funding for fifteen non-student employees at the Rec by 2 percent, and the final bill would create a fund for structural repairs to the Rec. It would start this year with a \$200,000 contribution.

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College education still valued despite rising costs, part of the ‘American Dream’

Logan M. Jones
Staff Writer

American writer and historian, James Truslow Adams, coined the term “American Dream” in 1931.

In his book “The Epic of America,” Adams described the term as “that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone...”

Fast forward to modern day society and James’ term is still one that intoxicates much of the world. But the way to the “American Dream” has changed.

A college education has seemingly been a crucial part of obtaining the “American Dream.” But with tuition increasing and jobs decreasing, the question of whether the time, money and stress of working toward a college education are worth it begins to arise. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 17 million Americans were attending college as undergraduates in 2008, and another 3.5 million were attending graduate school.

According to K-State’s website, anyone taking 12 or more credit hours per semester is considered a full-time student. Based off of a 12-credit-hour semester and the current in-state tuition rate of \$222.40 per credit hour (out-of-state tuition is currently \$590 per credit hour), totals can come to \$2,668.80 per semester.

K-State’s website also gives expected expenses for books and supplies (\$500 per semester), housing in the residence halls and a 20-meal plan (almost \$3,500 per semester) and \$1,300 of “miscellaneous” per semester. All of this totaled together is just shy of \$8,000 for one semester at K-State.

Statistics show that tuition at K-State has steadily risen for the past several years, but is the rise in tuition being countered with a rise in salary of people obtaining a college degree?

The U.S. Census Bureau shows that the median earnings of someone with a bachelor’s degree is \$47,853, a graduate or professional degree, \$63,174, and a high school graduate (or equivalency), \$27,448.

Retired college history professor, Jack McCune, said he thinks a college education is still worth the effort, and also has other benefits.

“Everything I see, statistically, says emphatically yes,” McCune said. “And everything says the more degrees you have, the higher your income, if we’re talking strictly that material point of view. Absolutely, I would also speak to other benefits, but from the point of view of making money, absolutely.”

But McCune said the education system is different than it was when he attended college.

“I feel strongly between the difference of an education and training,” McCune said. “I think a lot of people are going to school today for training for some special, narrow topic in which they learn very deeply. I’m an advocate of education in a broader sense. And I think education in a broader sense is losing out today, it’s less emphasized, and there is more emphasis on training, on making some money.”

When it comes to jobs and employment, Philippe Belley, assistant professor of economics, said college-educated workers are more likely to be employed.

“They stay unemployed for shorter periods, they have higher wages, and they experience stronger wage growth,” Belley said. “These benefits are experienced over a 40-year career, while its cost incurred over the course of 4 years.”

Robyn Jason-Wilkey, a 48-year-old psychiatric R.N. for the Wichita Veteran’s Administration, chose to return to school later in life as a non-traditional student.

“I got more confidence as



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Robyn Jason-Wilkey, a psychiatric R.N., studies at home in the evening after working all day. After receiving her associate’s degree and starting a career, she is now working toward her bachelor’s degree while working a full-time job.

I aged,” Jason-Wilkey said. “It seemed the more I got away from my negative childhood school days and was able to see that I did have potential. I was just ready. I took it really slow, a class at a time for years.”

Currently working on her bachelor of science in nursing, Jason-Wilkey first completed nursing school at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan., more than a decade ago.

“The biggest draw for me to the community college was the time. I could get an associate’s degree in nursing in two years. In nursing you just take one state board test. There’s not a separate test for associates from a bach-

elor’s level,” Jason-Wilkey said. “The investment was a big concern too. Not only were the classes cheaper per hour, I would only have to pay for two years instead of four. Plus I could get into the work force two years quicker.”

Before going to Butler, she went to vocational/technical school to become a mental health technician.

As far as salary concerns for Jason-Wilkey, she said she has never seen a difference in pay for nursing between an associate’s degree in nursing and a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

According to an article in The Wichita Eagle by Noreen M. Carrocci, the investment in

higher education is still paying off for students, as well as the state of Kansas.

According to the article, “the economic case for investment in education is strong. Individuals with bachelor’s degrees earn more than twice as much as those with high school diplomas — \$55,700 per year compared with \$21,900 per year in 2008.”

Backing up Belley’s statement on employment, the Eagle’s article mentioned, “In 2009, the unemployment rate for college graduates was 4.6 percent, compared with 9.7 percent for those with high school diplomas and nearly 15 percent for those who didn’t complete high school.”

The majority of research, statistics and academic thought show pursuing higher education is still a quality choice.

Responsibility of college debt ultimately falls into the hands of the student. Finding guidance and speaking with someone who can properly advise is very important. Understanding the goal and what it will take to get there requires a specific, thought out plan.

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Honor society receives award

National leadership conference recognizes K-State’s Blue Key chapter as “outstanding”

Jena Sauber
Staff Writer

The K-State chapter of Blue Key received the “Outstanding Chapter Award” at the 2011 National Blue Key National Honor Society Leadership Conference.

The conference was held in Clemson, S.C., on Jan. 14-15.

“The award is distributed by the National Blue Key organization,” said Emily Surdez, president of the K-State chapter of Blue Key and senior in agricultural communications and journalism. “It recognizes outstanding chapters for the programs they have, and the impact that have on their campus and community.”

While K-State received this award in 2002, 2003 and 2007, this is the first year it was the only university to receive it.

“In the past, multiple chapters have received it each year, but this year, K-State was the sole recipient of the award,” Surdez said.

The award guidelines include exemplary levels of scholarship, service, leadership and community and campus involvement.

“Our Blue Key demonstrates leadership through pin-pointing and cultivating the potential in other young

K-State students,” said Becky Sullivan, senior in agricultural communications and journalism. “When it comes to service, we give up hours of our time each week to volunteer at K-State events, to facilitate Catalyst and put on events such as a high school leadership conference to serve the needs of the Kansas State community.”

Surdez and Sullivan attended the national conference along with Blue Key member senior Carissa Loehr.

Sullivan received the Exemplary Member award for her participation.

“It was quite an honor to receive the award. Without a doubt, I have confidence that anyone from our Blue Key chapter would have been just as worthy of the award,” Sullivan said. “I was surprised to receive the award. However, after learning more about the other chapters and then thinking of the responsibilities of our K-State chapter and the depth of involvement our Blue Key has, I guess it would be easy to understand how any of our members could have been awarded Exemplary Member.”

In addition, Surdez said, the conference gave K-State Blue Key members a chance to see other collegiate chapters.

“It was interesting to see how other chapters across the nation work. The Blue Key chapter at K-State is structured very differently, it’s very unique. The national

chairperson was very complimentary of K-State and of our program,” Surdez said.

K-State Blue Key’s programs and activities include Quest Freshman Honor Society, peer leadership consultations, a high school leadership conference and the Catalyst program.

“Blue Key has a broad yet definite impact at K-State. Blue Key coordinates Quest, K-State’s freshman honorary each year which introduces the group to campus and how they can further their involvement as K-State students,” said Annie Oliver, senior in life sciences. “Each of the Blue Key members are very involved on campus and their community.”

Regardless of the award, Sullivan said Blue Key’s activities will continue to make a difference on campus.

“A great leader once told me ‘don’t ever leave an organization until you have filled your spot with someone better than you.’ That is exactly what we strive to do through Quest, the freshman honorary, and Catalyst, a self-developmental course we teach,” Sullivan said.

Oliver agrees that Blue Key, has, and will continue, to make a difference on campus and the community.

“Whether it be through teaching a self-development course, providing Peer Leadership Counseling or awarding scholarships to a wide variety of K-Staters, Blue Key has made its mark on K-State and even across the nation,” Oliver said.

Divided Congress equals gridlock

K-State professor: citizens can expect more political partisanship

Michael Sellman
staff writer

As the financial crisis in the U.S. lingers and heavy unemployment continues to burden many citizens, the last thing Americans want to hear is that the newly elected Congress, with a Republican majority in the House of Representatives and a Democratic majority in the Senate, probably will not accomplish much.

Joseph Unekis, associate professor of political science, predicts that Congress is going to remain in political gridlock because of the divided government.

“The main cause of the gridlock is that the conservatives want to limit the federal government’s ability to get in their way,” Unekis said.

The best example of this gridlock is seen in the Congress fight over the budget, Unekis said. It is already the middle of February and there still is not a budget for this year. Obama and the Senate do not seem to be going along with the proposals the House passed last week to fund the government through Sept. 30. The deadline to send President Obama legislation to keep the government funded is March 4. If the two parties do not come to an agreement by then, the government faces a potential shutdown, which has not occurred since December 1995.

“The way it is right now, the Republicans are really playing hardball,” Unekis said. “The

Democrats seem to be somewhat reluctant to share space with the president. If something comes around, it’ll probably be because the president backed down. I can’t see the Republicans backing down.”

According to Unekis, another part of the problem is the conservative position. It is stained with greed according to Unekis and is focused on keeping the wealthy happy with more tax cuts than what average Americans receive.

With the country still at war and also in debt, Unekis said raising taxes is important to aid the government.

“We never fought wars before without raising taxes,” Unekis said. “The Republicans are saying you can’t raise taxes under any circumstances. So, if you can’t raise taxes, you’ll have to cut government programs for poor people.”

The Republicans are not completely to blame, Unekis said. He argued that the Democrats do not have their act together and Obama’s inexperience has been a letdown to them. Unekis said Obama missed many opportunities to win early political victories over Republicans.

But raising taxes is probably the last thing most Americans, burdened with unemployment, want to hear.

“In 1980, the top 1 percent of the population controlled 8.5 percent of the wealth and now it controls 23 percent of the wealth in the country,” Unekis said. “The country isn’t broke. This country has a \$14 trillion economy. It’s just all going one direction.”

When it comes to Unekis’s claim that Congress will accomplish little, other professors in the

department of political science seem to back him up.

“Joe is the expert on Congress in our department and I agree with his comments,” said John Fliter, associate professor of political science. “The Republican leadership in the House and Senate claim that they don’t want a shutdown but the Tea Party elements in Congress are pushing to force a shutdown.”

“(The Republicans) obstructed through the first two years, and their approach, now that they have a majority in the House, appears to be to try and overturn everything Obama has done and the Democrats certainly — the Democratically-controlled Senate as well as Obama himself — they’re not going to let that happen,” said Jim Franke, associate professor of political science. “Not a lot may get done now but a lot did — as a matter of fact — get done at least early on in the last Congress. They passed health care and a variety of other things. There was a lot there that was accomplished. The challenge now is to get funded, especially as far as health care goes. I would expect to see less done in this congress than was done in the last congress.”

Unekis said basic Republican and Democratic agendas are to blame for the political gridlock. History seems to be repeating itself.

“With the separation of powers system, people can’t be on both sides,” Unekis said. “If you have the same people running up the three branches, then you get more chance to get some stuff done. Once you split the branches off, then it’s difficult to agree on much of anything.”

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CHICKED OFF

Eating Chick-fil-A supports immoral practices



Beth Mendenhall

Living in a democratic society imposes civic obligation on each and every one of us whether we like it or not; when we vote, we're partially responsible for the actions of the leaders and policies we choose. When we don't vote, we're equally responsible. A capitalist democratic society like ours magnifies the burden, because both our political and economic choices have real outcomes for which citizen-consumers are culpable.

Every day, a substantial portion of the student population votes with their dollars at the K-State Student Union food court and every day, Chick-fil-A makes a substantial profit. Behind the delicious waffle fries and breaded bird flesh lurks a political agenda, and whether or not you agree with it, every chicken sandwich is a tangible contribution.

My qualms with Chick-fil-A are myriad and range from mild to serious. To start with, I'm seriously weirded out by their advertising strategy, which anthropomorphizes chickens and cows and pits them in a fictional battle where each tries to convince you to eat the other. What does it say about consumers? That we prefer our food to be subjectified before we eat it? Portraying cows with human qualities who ask us to "eat mor chikin" is pretty morbid, like one oppressed group asking us to please commit genocide against another, as long as it's not them.

The focus on a few individual animals in sandwich boards also obscures the fast food chain's reliance on factory farmed chickens, which inflicts massive suffering on relatively intelligent animals in the name of unfet-



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tered pursuit of the profit motive. I'm just going to come out and say it: Any rational moral theory would account for this pain, and if yours doesn't, you're probably just trying to justify your carnal desire for muscle tissue.

These features of Chick-fil-A's business model should make us feel uneasy, but their anti-gay political agenda should make us mad. Chick-fil-A is one of a dying breed of conservative Christian business culture; privately owned, closed on Sunday and with a corporate purpose that includes glorifying God "by being a faithful steward of all that

is entrusted to us," according to the FAQs section on their corporate website.

In response to outrage over a Pennsylvania franchise's donation of food to an anti-gay marriage seminar, the company's president Dan T. Cathy posted a Facebook video ensuring consumers that Chick-fil-A treats all people with respect and saying marriage "has long been a focus of the chain," according to a Jan. 30 New York Times article by Kim Severson.

The same article lists the following commitments to a restrictive Christian concept of morality: hiring practices


that account for marital status and church involvement, group prayer at training sessions and a partnership with Focus on the Family that gave CDs of a Bible-based radio show with kids' meals. The company's philanthropic "WinShape" Foundation has financially supported anti-gay marriage political groups. WinShape hosts conferences that feature leading gay marriage opponents and refuses to allow LGBT individuals to attend their couple's program retreats.

All of this may seem like a harmless free expression of religious attitudes, but it's not. Part of what you pay for that chicken sandwich funds political groups that use a private religious opinion to justify taking away civil rights from American citizens. The gay rights movement is our generation's civil rights movement; whether we like it or not, the way we spend our money is a vote for one side or the other.

While you might not share my qualms with Chick-fil-A's advertising strategies or support of heinous animal agriculture practices, the political reasons for choosing another place for lunch are clear. Chick-fil-A's corporate support, both ideologically and financially, of anti-gay marriage political groups is unacceptable and so is your contribution to it. We have a civic obligation to be aware of the policies and politicians we support, but we also have one to protect whenever possible the civil rights of our fellow citizens. Restricting the rights of a group because you don't like their lifestyle is no more morally conscionable than restricting their rights because you don't like the color of their skin. Civil rights should probably outweigh a variety of dipping sauces.

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Olathe mayor's loss should not end rail initiative



Joshua Madden

Much of the student body at K-State is from the Kansas City metro area, so it seems reasonable to pay attention to it once in a while. As we all hide here in our idyllic little world that we call Manhattan, we sometimes forget to focus on issues in our actual place of residence. In my case that would be Olathe, which, as many of you know, is not super far from Kansas City. Because of this, I have had to pay some attention to Mayor Mark Funkhouser's re-election campaign.

As some of you may already know, on Feb. 22, Funkhouser lost his bid for re-election. Not only did he lose, but he lost in the primary. So basically, he lost big. Kansas City voters have made their stance on "the Funk" pretty clear.

Despite not wanting "the Funk," Kansas City voters need to understand one thing: they do need to bring in a high speed rail. According to a Feb. 19 article in the Kansas City Star titled, "KC voters must pick a mayor who 'gets it' on transit," by Kitty McCoy, chairwoman of the Kansas City Regional Transit Alliance, "Each candidate supports the regional rapid rail system advocated by Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders as well as a downtown

streetcar and improved bus rapid transit."

Despite all of his faults, Funkhouser was a fairly vocal proponent of developing a modern rail system in Kansas City, something that needs to happen. Under Funkhouser, however, it did not happen despite, or perhaps because of, his support.

According to a Kansas City Star editorial from Feb. 5 titled "Funkhouser wants another term, but voters should just say no," it is explained that "Funkhouser said in 2007 that another top priority would be to 'establish an effective regional transit system.' But after months of disorganized effort failed to produce a reasonable plan, he halfheartedly got behind a light-rail proposal that city voters rejected."

Is that really how we want the history of light-rail systems in Kansas City to end? With an unpopular mayor's half-hearted proposal? Of course not. If we want to see such a system ever built, we are going to have to acknowledge that it's going to take more than half-hearted efforts on our part to make it happen.

A rail system is something that needs to happen. With the unstable nature of pretty much every country in the Middle East right now — you cannot turn on CNN without hearing about one of our biggest oil providers going through some kind of regime change — it seems obvious that we need to speed up our efforts to gain energy independence. This is not an environmental argument; it is a practical one. Climategate has given us opportunities to debate how bad our use of fossil fuels is for

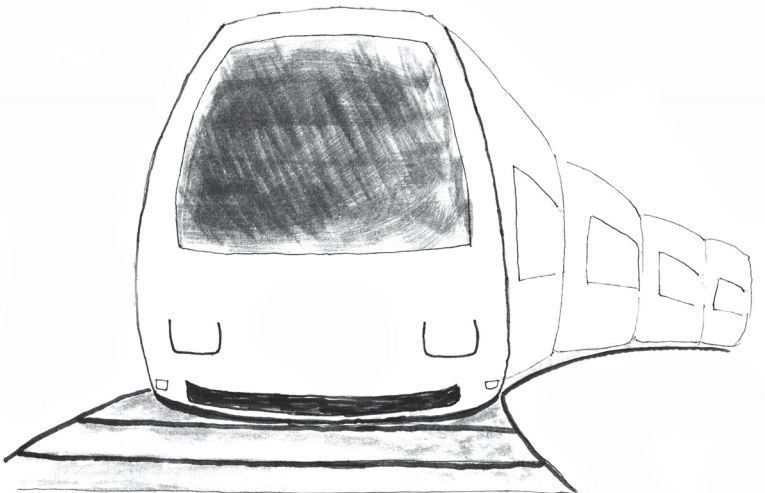


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the environment. There can, however, be no debate that we need oil and we don't want to pay \$5 a gallon for gasoline.

We can reduce our dependence on oil and drive down prices by shifting as much road traffic as possible to rail systems. Some cities are serious about this while others, like Kansas City, don't seem to care too much about it. With the election of a new mayor, we have the chance to really make this happen and get someone in office who can put some effort behind proposals.

We've given up on "the Funk", now we have to get the rail. Maybe Kansas City's future mayor might even decide to try and work with private corporations to arrange some kind of privately-run rail system. However, I think that's hoping for far too much. Although, maybe the members of the band Parliament and the Seattle Mariners can invest in it a little bit. The payoff is there.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Majority rights stripped away by minority groups

I am fairly new to the realm of college and having my daily life coincide with openly gay persons. After graduating high school from Olathe East in 2005, I joined the Marine Corps. Although "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was recently repealed, the Marine Corps was, and still is, a rather conservative fraternity. The majority of us approved of President Bush, voted for McCain in the past election and believe in some form or another of Christianity.

It came to great shock to me when I was attending KU (yes, it is true, but I saw the light and now bleed purple),

when I witnessed "make out on the hill day," in which homosexuals gather on the hills of the Lawrence campus and make out. I was in shock and skipped class that day, rather than be forced to watch something that went against my beliefs and moral upbringing. I have come a long way since that day. I understand gays are in all walks of life and it is how our society will be from now on. However, the shock strategy is nothing but appalling to many. Just as they claim to have the right to be openly gay, do I not also have the right to not have to see these acts?

I find the recent "sponsorship" of the Pennsylvania Family Institute by Chick-fil-A and the backlash from the homosexual community rather interesting. The LGBT community stresses "love me for who I am" and "equal rights for all no matter what their belief or sexual orientation," but when someone opposes their views, they brand them as haters and portray them as religious zealots that are brainwashed by the organization they belong to.

I participated in the debate on whether Campus Crusade for Christ should be funded for a trip to a

conference. The resolution was not passed due to the fact the majority in the body felt that religious worship should not be sponsored by SGA funds. It was a good debate, but my issue was the comments made by certain senate members when they cheered as it was, to quote one, "the first time this body has denied a Christian group." This group had every right to go the conference and gain knowledge to bring back to the campus; the problem was it was not in line with the largely liberal senate body. The denial of funds was looked upon as a battle won for the LGBT

communities because the organization does not fall in line with their beliefs. If the LGBT community preaches love and equality, doesn't Campus Crusade for Christ have just as much right to practice their beliefs, as they feel they have the right to have drag shows on campus? Doesn't Chick-fil-A have the right to sponsor whichever organization they choose? It seems to me we are too worried with protecting the minority that the majority is having their rights stripped away.

Tyler Tannahill
Sophomore in political science

BIG 12 TIME

Track gears up for conference meet

Justin Nutter
sports editor

The 2010-11 regular indoor season is in the books, and it all comes down to this.

The K-State track and field team has set its sights on Lincoln, Neb., for the Big 12 Indoor Championships, which will take place today and Saturday at Nebraska's Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Including both men's and women's competition, the tournament field includes 12 squads ranked in the USTFCCCA top-25. The men's field is headlined by Texas A&M, who checks in at No. 4, while Texas leads all women's teams with a No. 3 ranking. The Wildcat men have been a mainstay in the polls throughout the indoor campaign and enter this weekend's action at No. 19. The women are currently unranked.

All of K-State's top competitors will participate this weekend, with several Wildcat athletes looking to fine-tune their performances before the NCAA Championships on March 11-12. However, with the national finals just around the corner, head coach Cliff Rovelto said his team's primary focus is currently representing K-State well among all of its conference rivals.

"This is their opportunity to contribute to their program," Rovelto said. "That's also for the national kids — the ones who have opportunities to win individual championships and that type of things. Just to contribute to the team effort, it's a big deal for them. They have no business being here if it's not, but know that it is and I'm sure they're excited."

Among those looking to make a splash on the national scene is sophomore high jumper Erik Kynard Jr. The native of Toledo, Ohio, currently sits atop the national rankings in his event after posting a jump of 7-7.75 at the Tyson Invitational on Feb. 11. Not only does the jump stand as the highest in the country this season — not to mention eighth in the world — but it also represents the third highest jump in collegiate history.

A good portion of the tournament field is comprised of athletes K-State has faced at least once this season, which gives several participants an extra advantage. However, the Wildcats haven't faced every conference team this season and will still see plenty of new faces over the weekend.

While Rovelto said it's beneficial to know about your competition ahead of time, he added that facing new people isn't necessarily a bad thing, either.

"The comfort level increases when you know what to expect in terms of how good the competition is," he said. "There can't be any misconceptions in (the athletes') minds about what they're going to be facing. But there are going to be people that we haven't seen, too. In a way, it's kind of nice to not have seen everybody."

Today's action is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. with the women's pentathlon. Individual running events will begin with the women's 60-meter hurdles at 2 p.m. and field events will follow with the men's weight throw at 3:30 p.m. Action will conclude with the men's distance medley relay at 9:05 p.m.



Anthony Drath | Collegian

Jenna Yoder, freshman thrower, prepares to release her weight during the women's weight throw on Feb. 18 in Ahearn Field House.

Equestrian returns home to face top-ranked Aggies

Justin Nutter
sports editor

It has been quite a while since K-State equestrian has competed at its own facilities. But, for the first time in nearly three months, the Wildcats have finally returned to the friendly confines of Manhattan, and they have done so to take on the nation's best.

K-State will welcome No. 1 Texas A&M to Timber Creek Stables for a one-day competition Saturday. The Aggies enter the duel as the only remaining undefeated squad in the country, while the Wildcats will look to end a four-match losing streak. The weekend action will mark K-State's first home event since it hosted Oklahoma State on Nov. 5, and it is the Wildcats' first competition of any kind since traveling to the Cowgirls' facility on Jan. 29.

"We're especially getting back into the swing of hosting a competition," head coach Casie Lisabeth said. "We've been off of that since Nov. 5. It takes a lot of extra effort to run the show, as well as compete in it. We've been tying up the loose ends this



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Kayla Hatfield, freshman in western, competes in the reining event during the match against Oklahoma State on Nov. 5 at Timber Creek Stables. Hatfield defeated Jenna Blumer (OSU), 72-65.

week and getting ready to ride our own horses and host the top-ranked team in the nation."

In most sports, going

nearly a month without live competition may lead to concerns about players being rusty, but Lisabeth said her riders have used the pro-

longed break to put their previous matches behind them and start focusing on fundamentals.

"(The break) has really

given us the chance to break down back to basics, work on our foundation and build back up," she said. "It's been good to have the time off so we can do that. We're not rushing between each competition, so that's kind of what we've been working on. We'll just keep working on our confidence and the foundation of our skills so we can apply them this weekend."

K-State and Texas A&M squared off in the final match of the fall campaign, which the Aggies won by a score of 16-8. Though the final score may have been lopsided in favor of the opponent, Lisabeth said K-State gained some valuable experience in its first meeting with Texas A&M and she hopes the Wildcats will utilize that experience to the best of their abilities in Saturday's rematch.

"We played well against (Texas A&M) in certain areas when we played at their facility on Nov. 19, so we got a little extra boost of confidence," she said. "We know what we're up against and we're able to play them at home, so I think we're a little better prepared than we were two months ago."

Baseball 4-0 after comeback

Justin Nutter
sports editor

This may not have been how they had it planned, but K-State baseball is 4-0.

After falling behind by three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Wildcats responded with four runs of their own in the top of the eighth to knock off Coastal Carolina 5-4 on Thursday in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It was the first of four games for K-State in the Caravelle Resort's Baseball at the Beach tournament.

Wildcat starter Kyle Hunter stumbled out of the gate, allowing the Chanticleers to plate a run in the bottom half of the first, but he settled down and did not allow another runner to cross until the fourth. The junior threw six innings of two-run ball, but picked up his second no-decision in as many starts this season.

Down 2-0 in the sixth, K-State cut the deficit in half, scoring on a throwing error by Coastal Carolina third baseman Tripp Martin. The Chanticleers pushed the lead out to three in the seventh, however, when Wildcat reliever Evan Marshall was roughed up for two earned runs before he could get out of the inning.

With shortstop Tanner Witt and center fielder Ryan Moore already on base in the eighth, K-State left fielder Nick Martini drew a walk to load the bases. Moore and Brown both scored moments later on a fielding error to make it a one-run game, and the Wildcats plated two more in the frame to ultimately take the lead for good. Closer James Allen came in to pitch the ninth and retired the side in order to earn his third save of the season.

Offensively, the Wildcats were led by Brown, who went 2-for-4 from the plate. He failed to drive in a run, but he scored twice in the contest.

K-State will return to tournament action tomorrow when it travels to Conway, S.C., for an afternoon game against Western Kentucky. The Wildcats will send junior starter Matt Applegate to the mound to face the Hilltoppers. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.

Women's golf set to open spring season in Florida

Justin Nutter
sports editor

It has been nearly eight months since the K-State women's golf team took to the course, but countdown to the Wildcats' spring season is down to just two days.

K-State has set its sights to Weston, Fla. for the inaugural Sir Pizza Cards Challenge. The three-day, 14-team tournament begins on Sunday and will take place at the West Hills Country Club.

"They seem ready to go and excited," head coach Kristi Knight said. "Luckily, we've been able to get outside a little bit. They did a good job practicing when we

were relegated to the indoor, but we were excited a week ago to get out on the course and play. They're ready to get after it."

K-State will see a handful of familiar opponents at the meet, as the tournament field includes Big 12 Conference rival Kansas, Texas State and Florida International. K-State faced off against the Bobcats and Panthers in the Chip-N-Club Invitational during the fall portion of the season. Other participating teams include tournament host Louisville, North Carolina State, Cincinnati and Miami.

"I think it's a very interesting field," Knight said of the

competition. "It's a very good combination of teams. It will be a good challenge. The key is to come up against as many teams as you can and beat as many as you can. We'll have some familiar faces, but also some new teams to face out there."

As they begin the spring campaign, the Wildcats are led by a pair of seniors in

Emily Houtz and Elise Houtz. The twin sisters from Manhattan represent the only two seniors on the K-State roster. Emily participated in four tournaments during the fall season, posting a stroke average of 80.81. Elise only saw time in one event and owns an average of 82.33 strokes.

The Wildcats' statistical leaders are freshman Gianna Misenhelter and junior Paige Osterloo. Misenhelter averaged 76.14 strokes in all five of K-State's fall matches, while Osterloo wasn't far

behind with a 76.5-stroke average.

While Knight admitted that she's not sure how the team will perform, especially since they're playing on an unfamiliar course, she said all she can ask for is her team's best effort in its first spring competition.

"Even though it's our first time out, the things we can control are the attitudes we take on the course and our preparation," she said. "Those are the main things that I expect. We'll see what happens as far as with scores and how the course plays. We'll bring our best every day and see where that puts us."

ACTION-LACKED

Super-powered alien flick fails to deliver enough fight scenes

"I Am Number Four"
★★★★☆
Movie review by Joshua Madden

I have heard only good things about the show "Justified," and perhaps for good reason — it's really hard to dislike anything with Timothy Olyphant. He's a great actor and seems to up the quality of every movie he's in, bringing a slight tinge of darkness to action roles that otherwise might seem cliché.

That might be the reason it's so hard to give his new movie "I Am Number Four" two stars out of five. It's not a bad movie, but it does disappoint. It has an intriguing plot; it's based on a successful book series and Olyphant plays an alien-warrior turned bodyguard. On the surface, it seems like "I Am Number Four" should be fun to watch.

Number Four (Alex Pettyfer) is a human-like alien and is hiding on Earth. He is one of nine remaining members of his race with superpowers. The nine of them must be killed in order. Because of this, another member of his alien race, a warrior named Henri (Olyphant) has been assigned to guard him from the Mogadorians (an evil alien race) who hunt the super-powered aliens.

Admittedly, the plot is a cool one. What really brings the film down, however, is the writing. The plot never fleshed out in the way it should have. Certain things are left unexplained — perhaps because it's the first story in the series — and the movie leaves a lot of the guesswork for the audience, leaving us wondering what is going on.

The film is also is filled with clichés throughout. There are scenes in a high school that are both unoriginal and hard to watch.



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Every stereotype out there — the mean-spirited jock (Jake Abel), the science-obsessed nerd who gets picked on (Callan McAuliffe), the artsy girl who doesn't fit in with everyone else (Dianna Agron of "Glee" fame) — ultimately rounds out the cast of "I Am Number Four."

You might be thinking, "But this is still a movie about aliens with superpowers, right? So there's got to be some cool action scenes." This is partially true; the action scenes in the film are cool and filled with some neat special effects, but they're held down

by one major flaw: there's not very many of them. In a movie just shy of two hours long, there should be more action scenes than what "I Am Number Four" has in store for its audience.

There are two major action scenes, plus a minor fight scene in a basement. In "Inglourious Basterds," Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt) memorably explained that no one should ever have fights in a basement. He may have been arguing about it from a tactical standpoint, but "I Am Number Four" proves why it doesn't make any cinematic sense. It's hard

to see what's going on and everyone is half-covered by shadows, making the scene rather difficult to follow.

Lastly, the film is held back by the fact that the Mogadorians are comically-clichéd villains. They spend a lot of time showing off their fangs and taunting humans with poorly written lines. Their motivations are never fully explained, but I guess we're supposed to accept that because they have fangs and black capes. And they kill people, so I guess there's that, too.

The film has some strengths, however, beyond that at least two of the

action scenes are cool. The music is solid and is actually one of the high points of the film; the song that plays at the end of the film, in particular, sounds great and gives the film a depth that, for the most part, isn't present in the rest of "I Am Number Four."

Despite the fact that the characters are largely cliché, the acting isn't bad. The lovely Teresa Palmer (of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" fame) plays Number Six and did a good job of coming across as a fear-inducing super-powered alien. Olyphant is also good when he's on

screen — which is sadly too little — and even the film's lead, Pettyfer, does a good job of bringing depth to his character.

In all, I have to give the film a little credit because it's most likely intended as the start of a franchise, but the next films are going to need to up the action and explain a bit more than this film did if they want people to keep following the fate of Number Four.

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Thriller offers few surprises

"Unknown"
★★★★☆
Movie review by Patrick Bales

Have you ever loved a movie the first time you watched it, only to find it doesn't hold up too well to a second viewing? Maybe it's because the movie only offers cheap thrills. All you know is that you are bored to death after watching it a second time. Well, that's kind of the feeling you get when you watch "Unknown" for the first time. The characters do run into a number of harrowing moments throughout, but you've seen it all before.

The movie stars Liam Neeson as Dr. Martin Harris, a biochemist who goes with his wife (January Jones) to a major convention in Berlin. As he gets to his hotel, he realizes a briefcase containing his passport was left at the airport, so he hails a taxi. On the way to the airport, his taxi careens into a bridge and hurtles into a nearby river. Harris experiences a bit of memory loss, but not enough to make him forget his name. As he makes his way back to the convention, he discovers an awful truth. Someone has taken his identity. Not only has this man taken his name, but he's also taken his wife and convinced everyone that he is the real Martin Harris. At first Harris thinks his memory loss might have led him to mistake his own identity, but he soon realizes that there are people following him who don't want him to find the truth. This leads



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to a lot of predictable car chases and plot twists.

There are two things a thriller should be. The first is obvious: it needs to be thrilling. "Unknown" has its share of thrills. There are enough car chases and fight scenes to keep the movie rolling along. But the second thing a thriller should be is surprising, and that's where "Unknown" falters. There are very few moments here that catch you off guard. The one exception is the final plot twist, but until then, "Unknown" only offers one typical thrill after another. We get everything from the typical car chase through crowded streets to the scene where the hero makes it onto a subway train just before a baddie nabs him. Everything moves like clockwork.

While the plot offers little in the way of surprises, a number of actors manage to craft some surprises of their own. Bruno Ganz is terrific as a retired East German police officer. He effort-

lessly gives off this sense of wise intelligence that makes his character absolutely fascinating. Frank Langella has a small role, but he is absolutely captivating every moment he is on screen.

Neeson is okay. He growls out some cool one-liners, and manages to keep a sense of frantic desperation throughout, but like the movie, he doesn't seem to be stretching himself. Perhaps it has to do with the screenwriter not giving him much to work with, but I never got the feeling that he was a real person I should care for.

It's not like "Unknown" has any terrible moments. The story moves at a decent pace, and the quality of the performances ranges from acceptable to impressive. But as a thriller, it runs too conventionally. It's like you're riding on a roller coaster without any big drops.

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Easy game gives off childish feel

"Kirby's New Yarn"
★★★★☆
Game review by Jayson Sharp

With my PS3 still in the shop and no time to pick up "Bulletstorm," I decided to try out my newly purchased Wii console. "Kirby's Epic Yarn" is a platform game that uses the standard Wiimote in a few different ways. Its sweet demeanor and cheer might put off some, but that does not take away from the game's strengths.

The game starts off a bit slow with a pretty long cutscene explaining some of the major plot points of the story. Kirby, who in the past ate his enemies to gain their power, has been turned into yarn by an evil wizard, and it's up to Kirby to save both his home world and the "patch world" from the evil magic. The game is pleasing to the eye, and some of the visual styles are interesting, such as levels folding and Kirby being able to slide behind the fabric of the scenery to get

to different areas.

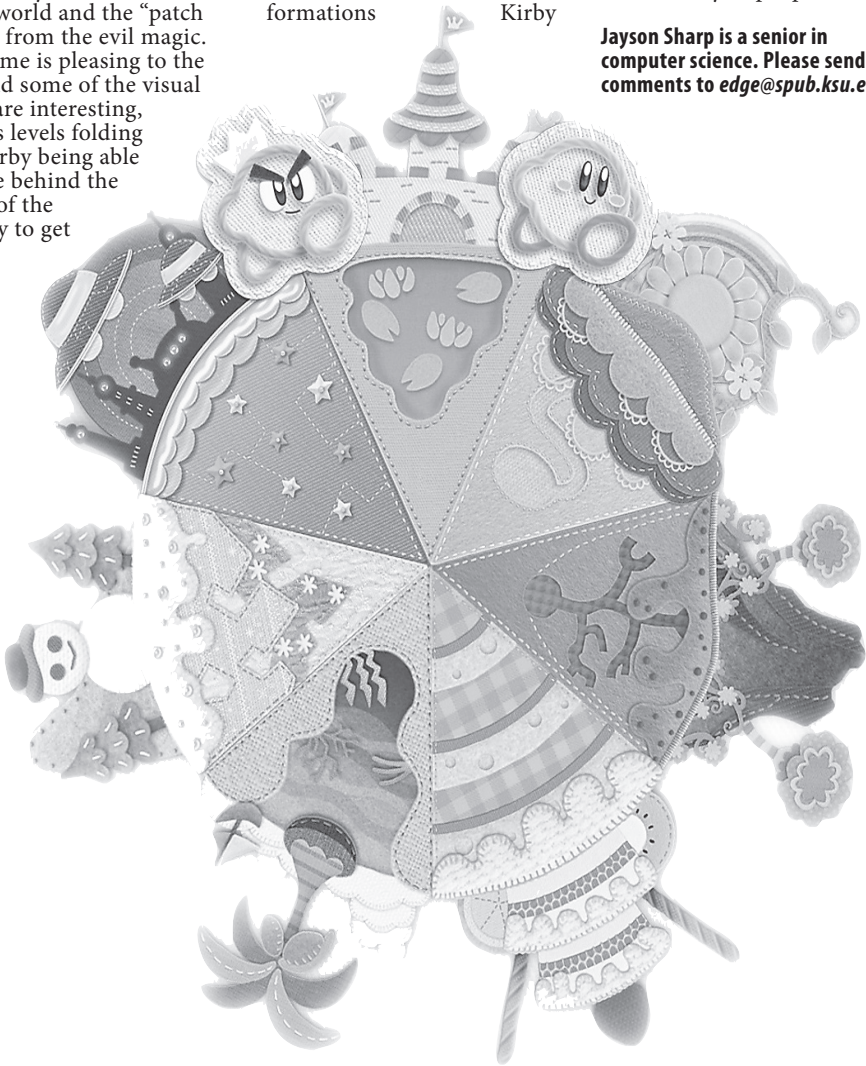
This is an easy game; you cannot die. The only negative effect to falling off a level or getting flattened by a boulder is losing "beads," the game's version of currency. The beads can be used to buy items for the in-game house, and to invest in the hotel of one of the in-game characters. There's nothing wrong with the game, but it seems that the title is geared for a younger audience. This would be a perfect game to teach a younger generation about video games. After each level, you are awarded a medal depending on your performance, and only on one occasion did I fail to get a gold medal.

The most interesting part of the game is the many different transformations Kirby

can go through by collecting certain power-ups. There is a tank that shoots missiles, a penguin on a surfboard and a fire engine used to put out fires and wash beads down to a reachable area. My favorite transformations were the dolphin, which allowed you to swim really fast and jump out of the water to do tricks, and the flying saucer that could suck in enemies and objects. The hilarious part about the flying saucer is it causes enemies to run for cover as you approach.

"Kirby's Epic Yarn" is a solid platform with some interesting twists. Though on one hand, players could say it doesn't live up to the true nature of Kirby and his enemy-eating habits, it is still a fun game that appeals to a wide variety of people.

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Jennifer Heeke | Collegian
A student bicycles through the snow on campus during the snowstorm Thursday afternoon while classes were still held.



Kate Connelly, junior in architecture, crosses the street near the K-State Student Union late Thursday afternoon.



A student walks toward the K-State Student Union during Thursday's snowstorm. Despite the heavy snow fall, campus remained open.

SALINA | Program cuts costs

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insurance, paying the hourly drivers and providing a phone number to call. Seim, who is Miles' running mate in the student elections, said this projected amount is even cheaper than the original proposed budget of \$1,000 per month for SafeRide when it was first introduced to the Salina campus in 2002.

Seim said representatives from Kansas Wesleyan University, also located in Salina, have expressed an interest in

the program and the school might team up with K-State Salina to share the program and split the cost, further saving the students money. SafeRide would be limited to K-State students at first, Seim said, for at least the first semester.

"We'd like to start out, work out the kinks before bringing in outside partners," Seim said.

Brett Cooper, junior in engineering technology and student body president candidate, has also taken an interest in the SafeRide program. Cooper was

out of town and unavailable for comment as of Thursday evening. Trista Gorrell, Cooper's campaign manager and junior in technology management and digital media, said Cooper was not as big a supporter of SafeRide because too much money was going into a program that was being abused. However, whoever is elected president will be in charge of working with the SafeRide committee, Gorrell said.

"We want to find the best, cost-effective way for the program," Gorrell said.

DRYDEN | Professor targets pests

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we designed product development."

With a deeper understanding of how fleas behaved, Dryden was able to better target the pests.

"We started to target their reproductive capabilities," Dryden said. "The idea is simple, if you can prevent a flea from reproducing, the species will eventually die out. We started producing flea birth control, if you will."

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A higher safety margin

"This has been a team effort. Without cohesiveness of a really good team, you just aren't going to succeed."

Michael Dryden
Professor, diagnostic medicine and pathobiology

means a smaller chance owners will improperly apply the product and cause harm to the pet.

"A five-fold safety margin means if I want to apply a product to an animal, I would have to apply five times the pre-

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With a solid foundation laid for his research, Dryden is ready to build upon past successes.

"This has been a team effort. Without cohesiveness of a really good team, you just aren't going to succeed," Dryden said. "Now that we've all achieved this level of success, we need to recognize that we need to continue to move forward, and, if you will, help society, help the relationships between owners and their pets."

Dryden has a pet of his own, and, of course, the two have managed to keep their relationship flea-free.

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JAM SESSION

Samuels' progression reflects team's maturity

Ashley Dunkak
senior staff writer

Last season, Jamar Samuels was the quote-meister. At mid-week media availability, reporters gathered around the sophomore forward to hear what he would say this time, because it would likely be a little too candid or hysterically funny - or often both. This year, having turned 21, the forward acts his age a little more often, and it's a reflection of how this team has grown up this season.

The most obvious change for the junior is an omission: Samuels has forsaken Twitter. While he jokes that he feels like he is in rehab from the social network, he said it sets a better example for his underclassmen teammates.

"We've got a lot of young guys in the locker room," Samuels said, "so me doing something like that is probably telling them, saying, 'if you cut out social networks, you'll start growing up.'"

While the forward's demeanor has calmed some, and while he has had good games throughout the season, he is still very realistic in his assessment of his play overall.

"I think I'm still growing at this point," Samuels said. "I'm having a very inconsistent season, and just me growing and going to the starting lineup and trying to play like a starter, it's been tough, but

as long as we win, I'm perfectly fine, whatever we do."

Head coach Frank Martin, for one, approves of the change. While he said Samuels was not ready for a starting role last season, the player has learned how to manage his emotions better, to harness "the fire he's got in his belly," as Martin calls it, instead of allowing it to be a deterrent.

"I matured a lot," Samuels said. "I'm not the guy that gets all bottled up and mad at every single call and gets frustrated about things. I just play basketball now."

As far as the lack of colorful comments from Samuels this season, Martin said last year he could say all kinds of stuff and then go hide behind guards Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen, whereas now he can't hide behind anybody.

"He's front line and center," Martin said. "He's been willing to accept that responsibility, and when you're willing to accept responsibility, that means you have to answer for your words, and he's learned that."

"That's part of growing up," he continued. "That's why I'm happier with him now than I was most of last year, because he's willing to do that."

Martin noted that while Samuels got into some foul trouble against Kansas, the fouls he committed were not stupid fouls;



Jonathan Knight | Collegian

During his junior campaign, forward **Jamar Samuels** has done a lot of growing up. Once a constant joker in the media room, he has shifted his focus more to his performance on the court in 2011.

they were fouls protecting the rim. In his attitude and his maturity level, Samuels has really improved, the coach said.

Another of Samuels' actions that Martin has appreciated has been his willingness to keep the team together while so many off-court issues arose throughout this season.

One example of his growing leadership role was joining Pullen and some of the other older players in keeping the team's feet on the ground after a glorious win over Kansas in Bramlage Coliseum.

Martin, who had worried about leadership on the team

early this season, did not have to remind the players that the last time they beat a No. 1 team, Texas last year, they lost the very next home game.

Jacob, Jamar, some of those sophomores, that's all they spoke about after the game in the locker room when I walked in," Martin said. "They were just reminding each other that, 'Last year we came in and beat Texas and then lost. We can't let that happen again. We've got to have the best week of practice we've had all year.'"

As usual, it all comes back to Martin. When asked when he saw the leadership and account-

ability pick up, he goes back to that realization he revealed a few weeks ago.

"I'd been asking guys to lead and be responsible, and they were begging me to help them, but instead of helping them I was worried about all the stuff other than coaching my best players," Martin said, "so I finally looked in the mirror and said, 'Wait a second now, Jake and those guys are begging for you to coach them, and you're ignoring them. Go help them.' And that's what I did."

"I started helping them, and that helps the young guys, and I think we've played better since."

K-State continuing to build on chemistry

Tyler Scott
senior staff writer

It started in December when the men's basketball team started to slip. Florida held the Wildcats to a season low 44 points, and the UNLV made head coach Frank Martin so furious, that his voice could be heard through the walls of the locker room at the Sprint Center. Senior guard Jacob Pullen and senior forward Curtis Kelly were also suspended by the NCAA. As if that weren't enough, Freddy Asprilla and sophomore forward Wally Judge quit the team.

"The Wildcats did not have any true leadership, but as of recent the team looks more cohesive and each one of them is making an impact on game days."

"We've been dealing with adversity all year and we went through it and came together," junior forward Jamar Samuels said. "We're not going to letdown and we're ready with those little doberman pincher faces that everyone called us last year."

With Pullen and Kelly being the only seniors on the team,

nobody knew how to step up and try to guide the team. Everyone was lost and Pullen even had trouble knowing how to lead, but now he seems to know what to do and believes in head coach Frank Martin to help him.

Now, Pullen leads the team with more than 19 points per game and his teammates are starting to find a rhythm in knowing what they can do.

"I feel like we have accepted our roles and everyone knows what they're supposed to do," Pullen said. "Each one of us knows where we need to be and that's what makes a team a team."

Sophomore guard Rodney McGruder agreed with Pullen, but said something else in particular has been giving them more energy.

"The building is getting stronger," McGruder said. "We're gelling and trusting each other a lot more and it's been a big difference."

Junior forward Victor Ojeleye gives credit to the coaching staff and said he's also trying to help the team out in any way he can.



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Players like **Jamar Samuels** (left), **Curtis Kelly** (center) and **Jordan Henriquez-Roberts** have grown as friends and teammates.

"We are finding ways to attack teams the way coaches set us up to do it," Ojeleye said. "Every piece of the puzzle tries to do what is meant to be. Guys are coming in with a lot of focus."

The team still has a lot they can improve on and these next few games will give them the opportunity. Martin said the un-

derclassmen are starting to find a rhythm and be more a part of this team.

"The freshmen and sophomores are comfortable in what they need to do now," Martin said. "I'm proud of our guys and they've continued to handle everything that's been thrown at them."

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CAT FIGHT



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Senior guard **Jacob Pullen** and the Wildcats have returned to Bramlage Coliseum to take on Big 12 Conference rival Missouri. Pullen has scored 92 points in his last three games.

Wildcats seek revenge on Tigers, look for fourth consecutive win

Tyler Scott
senior staff writer

Last year on Jan. 9, K-State lost a tough game to Missouri in Columbia, Mo. Something happened toward the end of the game, however, that really got under the Wildcats' skin. With time running out, Missouri's Laurence Bowers stole the ball and, instead of running out the clock, he went down the court and slammed the ball for an easy dunk to put an exclamation point on the victory.

It was a distasteful defeat for the Wildcats, but that was a road game. This time, Missouri will travel to Manhattan to take on the Tigers. K-State was able to make up for the loss last year by defeating the Tigers at home the next month 63-53. Senior guard Jacob Pullen and graduated senior Denis Clemente led the team with 11 points each.

Pullen enters tomorrow's game having scored 92 points in his last three contests. Along with his Big 12 Conference Player of the Week honors, he was also named the National Player of the Week last week, for his performances against Kansas and Oklahoma.

This season, both the Wildcats and Tigers are fighting to stay in the upper echelon of the Big 12 Conference and this game could be a defining note on the road to the finish of each team's season. The Tigers are currently in fourth place at 22-6 and 8-5, while the Wildcats are in fifth at 19-9 and 7-6 after a win against Nebraska to put them in sole position of the spot.

The Wildcats and Tigers met earlier this season, with Missouri handing K-State a 75-59 defeat in Columbia. K-State was led in scoring by Pullen and sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts, who scored 16 and 14 points, respectively. Missouri had five players reach double-digit scoring in the contest. Marcus Denmon had 14 points to lead the team and Phil Pressey added 13 points, while Ricardo Ratliffe, Kim English and Bowers each had 10.

The Wildcats trailed that game by double digits for most of the way, they managed to get within three points midway through the second

half, but the Tigers closed out the game on a 17-4 run to leave Mizzou Arena with a win. The loss dropped K-State to 1-3 in Big 12 play.

Fortunately for Wildcat fans, things have changed. K-State is now on a three game winning streak and is looking to extend it while climbing higher into the conference standings.

Missouri has been known to falter toward the end of the season, but it has never affected their final standing when all is said and done. Following their loss to Kansas, the Tigers won four straight games, including their most recent win against the Baylor Bears.

Missouri has plenty of stars on its squad including Matt and Phil Pressey who are averaging more than six points per game. Marcus Denmon however leads the team in the same category with 16.5 points per game. Ricardo Ratliffe and Bowers are averaging a respectable 11.4 points per game each.

The last time the two teams met, K-State was not the same team it is now. Missouri already holds a good record at home in Mizzou Arena, and the Wildcats chance of winning there was not very high. K-State only had two players in double figures, Pullen with 16 points and sophomore forward

Jordan Henriquez-Roberts with 14. The Wildcats also were in foul trouble as freshman guard Shane Southwell fouled out and Pullen, Henriquez-Roberts and senior forward Curtis Kelly each finished the game with four fouls.

The Tigers had five players finish in double figures led by Marcus Denmon's 14. Ricardo Ratliffe, Kim English and Bowers each finished with 10 points.

If K-State wins this game, they will be tied with Missouri for fourth place in the conference, even though the Tigers have a better overall record. The team boasts a 14-1 record inside Bramlage Coliseum, and holds a 60-44 advantage against Missouri in the arena.

Tipoff for Saturday's game is set for 11 a.m. Fans who can't make it out can still catch the action, as the contest will also be nationally televised on ESPN.

OFFENSIVE



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

K-State's new offensive scheme could be part of why senior guard **Jacob Pullen** has 92 points in his last three games.

Martin installs triangle offense

Ashley Dunkak
senior staff writer

For four years now, assistant coach Brad Underwood has been in Frank Martin's ear about implementing a different offense, the one that former Cyclones coach Johnny Orr used at Iowa State and that former K-State coach Dana Altman uses at Oregon. The NBA's Los Angeles Lakers also run a version of this scheme, which is a variation of the triangle offense pioneered by K-State great Tex Winter.

Now, the time has come for the 2010-2011 Wildcats to employ it as well.

Underwood had pitched the idea to Martin periodically over the course of the coaches' time at K-State, but it was never quite right for the combination of players the team had.

"We were very comfortable with what we were doing in terms of our high-low stuff," Underwood said. "I think Frank deserves all the credit for the change from the standpoint that he did change. After that Colorado game, we were playing some different lineups, we were playing a little smaller, and it didn't quite fit what we were doing offensively, and this did."

It's called the Pinch Post, Martin said, and he became more receptive to Underwood's proposal as it became clear that what Martin believed in was not working because it did not fit the personnel the way it needed to.

"I've always been a smash-mouth offensive player, offensive coach," Martin said. "You post up and you play strong at the rim. We're going to be limited if that's what we do because we don't have enough big, strong bodies to do that. We thought we did, but we don't have them."

Indeed, the departures of forwards Wally Judge and Freddy Apsrilla left the Wildcats with a considerably less sizeable lineup, making the team's original offense, the Box High Low, a less suitable match.

After the Colorado game in early January, in which the coach played forward Jamar Samuels and four guards for most of the second half, Martin said he was sick to his stomach. He did not like how his team was playing or where it was headed. It was time for a change.

"If we're going to play small, then we've got to do something different," Martin recalled thinking. "I just walked in the next day of practice, and I said, 'This is what we're doing.'"

Before this change, the Wildcats had more of an offense that would try to overpower the opponent at the basket or on the block. As Underwood puts it, the offensive philosophy has not changed, but it is being implemented a little bit differently.

"We're still trying to attack the rim; we're just doing it from a little further away," Underwood said. "We're doing it with ball movement and cutting instead of just sheer, brute, physical strength."

Underwood said the players have adjusted well to the change, which has involved moving guards Rodney McGruder and Shane Southwell and forwards Jamar Samuels and Curtis Kelly away from the basket. Having them play on the perimeter causes matchup problems for the opposing team.

"Instead of just putting them on the block, we're now cutting them to the rim and causing movement, so their athleticism, their quickness, it is put into play," Underwood said, "and it also drags the other team's defenders away from the basket and the rim where they have to guard in space, and that's something that is most big guys aren't very comfortable doing."

In short, the offense opens up the floor - a lot. By drawing the other team's forwards out from under the basket, the players create space for cuts to the rim or drives to the rim.

"The one thing that hasn't changed is the idea that the closer you get to the basket, the better chance you have to score. We're just going about it a different way, and that's something that the offense has allowed us to do, instead of just parking a guy right there at the basket."

Because of the trust that's been established between the players and coaches, the rest of the team took the change in stride, something Martin respects greatly.

"They follow our lead, man," he said. "That's why I respect those kids as much as I do. They follow our lead. I think it was a little refreshing because it was different than the stuff that you practice every day, so as a player, you kind of look at it, say 'Hey, let me try this, it's different.' And I think the more we did, the more they said, 'Wait a second, this might be good for us here.'"

Underwood credited Martin for setting the example of buying in and paving the way for the players to do likewise. Between him being convinced of this new offense's potential and the success the team has already seen (defeating Kansas in Bramlage Coliseum, most notably) by using it, the players are believing in it and come to practice each day excited to get better at it.

"He deserves a lot of credit because one of the hard things to do is change in the middle of the year, and he did that," Underwood said, "and it's - knock on wood - it's worked so far."

K-State will continue to try to fine-tune its new offense when it welcomes Missouri to Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday for a key Big 12 matchup. Tipoff is set for 11 a.m.

CURRENT BIG 12 MEN'S STANDINGS

Team	Big 12	Overall	Next Game
Texas	12-1	24-4	at Colorado
Kansas	11-2	26-2	vs. K-State
Texas A&M	9-4	22-5	at Baylor
Missouri	8-5	22-6	at K-State
K-State	7-6	19-9	vs. Missouri
Baylor	6-7	17-10	vs. Texas A&M
Nebraska	6-7	18-9	at Iowa State
Colorado	6-7	17-11	vs. Texas
Oklahoma St.	4-9	16-11	vs. Texas Tech
Oklahoma	4-9	12-15	vs. Kansas
Texas Tech	4-9	12-16	at Oklahoma St.
Iowa State	1-12	14-14	vs. Nebraska

HOMECOMING

Women return home to face ISU

Chris Wallace
senior staff writer

After a tough loss against the top-ranked Baylor Bears on Wednesday, the K-State women's basketball team will look to rebound and continue their quest to postseason play with a match-up against No. 24 Iowa State on Saturday. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

So far this season, the Wildcats have been able to deal with their opponents from the northern half of the conference. Their only loss against teams that comprise the Big 12 North in football has been to Iowa State in Iowa. Such one-sided domination has been a key contributor for the team's success this season. But in order to win a conference championship, there is no doubt that the team would have to steal some wins away from the south.

But, in order to secure a victory at home against the Cyclones, the Wildcats will have to play a lot better than they did the last time these two squads faced off. Senior guard Kelsey Bolt lit up the Cats for 25 points as the Cyclones built a large lead to start the game, and the Wildcats could never really get back into the game.

In that game, K-State was led

by junior forward Jalana Childs. She scored 21 points in the game, and it continued her stretch of strong play for the Wildcats. In the loss on Wednesday, Childs was able to score 22 points against one of the toughest centers in the game, sophomore forward Brittany Griner for Baylor.

But that game revealed some troubling problems for the Wildcats. The team seemed out of sorts throughout the game and they never really challenged Baylor. Head coach Deb Patterson was quick to point out those flaws after the game.

"(And) I feel badly that I don't think we matched the intensity that they brought to the floor and certainly not the focus and the intelligence that I think we're capable of bringing," Patterson said.

The critical goal for the match-up Saturday will be to limit the effectiveness of the Cyclones leading scorers. At home, the Wildcats have done a solid job of bottling up most important players for opposing teams. But another performance from Bolte like the one a few weeks ago will spell big trouble for the Cats.

In addition to stopping the Cyclones on the defensive end, the Wildcats will have to be a

lot more efficient on offense too. Besides the strong games from Childs and sophomore guard Brittany Chambers, the Wildcats have had to rely on other players for scoring help, and when those players don't deliver, the team is usually in for a long game. Against Baylor, the rest of the team scored just 11 points.

Earlier this season, K-State faced off against Iowa State at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. Childs and Chambers combined for 40 points in the game and the Wildcats erased an 11-point deficit in the second half, but they weren't able to come away with a win. The Cyclones held on for a 60-53 victory.

The Wildcats, who are 18-8 with an 8-5 record in the Big 12 conference, are currently sitting in fourth place in the Big 12. A win over Iowa State, who currently sits in fifth place, will further help the Cats quest for a first-round bye in the Big 12 tournament coming up on March 8, as well as a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

The win would also be K-State's third win over a ranked opponent. The Wildcats bested No. 16 St. John's back in November and also beat No. 25-ranked Oklahoma State to open up conference play this season.



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Sophomore guard **Brittany Chambers** will look to help her team earn the 801st win in program history on Saturday.

Freshman walk-on discusses basketball, life as a college student

Ashley Dunkak
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Alex Potuzak is a freshman forward walk-on for the K-State men's basketball team. Born in Clay Center, Kan., he grew up on a farm in Agenda, Kan., and attended high school at Clifton-Clyde. Throughout the season, he has earned minutes in games, including the Wildcats' 84-68 win over the Jayhawks.

Q: If you have to pick one, what's your best memory so far here at K-State?

A: Midnight Madness was very epic. I loved that to death. It was just wonderful. All the guys and the light-hearted environment with all the supporting fans, too. It was wonderful.

Q: What was the walk-on process like for you?

A: After I was already enrolled and moved in, actually, because I was starting school before I was officially a walk-on last fall. I had a great time, really. We just kind of transitioned in to talking with the coaches, kind of just going to the physical, and "Bam!" became a student-athlete and just kind of walked right into it, as the walk-on term says.

Q: Where did you learn the work ethic that Coach Martin and your teammates always talk about?

A: I'd have to say on the farm, honestly. I grew up on a farm outside of Agenda, Kansas - well that's a small town, let's just say that - and just working hard, taking care of what you take pride in. I have a bicycle, it's a Panasonic right now, and yesterday I took the time to just clean it up. It's just little things like that. You just have to take care

of what you own and what you take pride in.

Q: What was your first impression when you first met Coach Martin?

A: I believe when I first met him, I was little scared. But after that, I just got to know him better and totally respect everything he has in his life - his ethics, his morals, the way he looks at life itself. Very respectable man.

Q: What goes through your mind when you check in and the crowd goes nuts?

A: Well, I notice right off the bat when I go to the table to check in, but it does get a little loud in there, and it's a bit overwhelming at times, especially at the beginning of the year. But when I'm the game, I try to block that out, and I've been doing

a better job at it. It's definitely there. It's a cool experience to have people cheering you on, and I really enjoy it.

Q: What's the transition from your high school team to this team been like?

A: Well, my high school was a 1-A school, so I went from a 1-A school to a D-I, which would have to admit is a pretty big transition. Just more people, that's about it. Same idea, people are still here to play basketball. Same point to it.

Q: What kind of reaction do you get on campus?

A: I get a lot of random high fives and fist bumps. It's pretty cool to have strangers, in my eyes - which I'm not used to, because I'm used to knowing everybody, I have to admit. It's a good feeling to have people look up to me that I don't really know.



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